

Who Planned Bomb Plot In Cuba-Invasion Move?

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A PLOT TO BOMB the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo, Cuba, with U.S. planes bearing fake Cuban insignia to manufacture an "incident" as an excuse for an invasion.

A Dixiecrat National Guard general doffing military uniform to hire out as chief of a mercenary bombing and strafing air force against Cuba.

U.S. citizen air pilots hired at \$2,800 a month to attack a peaceful Cuba.

U.S. Navy jet planes lined up on air strips at Key West, Fla., poised for invasion.

U.S. frogmen sneaking ashore on the intended invasion beaches of Cuba to chart them for the invaders.

A U.S. aircraft carrier, jets in battle position on her flight deck, anchored off Cuba. U.S. Navy fighter planes directly involved in keeping Cuban planes from protecting their shores against the invasion forces.

Thus — two years late — is being reluctantly unfolded the sordid story of how Washington's atomaniacs almost touched off a world thermonuclear war on Cuba's island shores, a disgraceful story of the duplicity, trickery and venality involved in the Bay of Pigs fiasco April 19, 1961. Far from being an attempt by "democratic" Cuban refugees to recapture their homeland, that most shameful episode in American history turns out to have been an unsuccessful move to refasten the grip of Wall Street on Cuba, with Batista thugs and mercenaries as willing pawns, planned during the Eisenhower administration and executed during the Kennedy administration.

INVASION AGENCY

Chief villain in this outright violation of U.S. law, international treaties and the American democratic tradition is the Central Intelligence Agency, CIA, which a British wit has said stands for Cuban Invasion Agency. It was this agency, a center of unbridled power, that planned the operation and hired and trained

under the leadership of Allen W. Dulles, friend of Wall Street and the German monopolists who started two world wars on conquest. And it was this same CIA, under the same Dulles, that, during the Kennedy administration, carried out the Bay of Pigs attempt on a sovereign nation in violation of all law and decency.

Chief accomplice was the Pentagon, whose top brass, also totally contemptuous of U.S. law, provided armaments, ships, planes and even men for the invasion.

The whole sorry mess began to seep out from the tightly clamped cover of secrecy late in February, when it became known that four U.S. plane pilots had died in the reckless, irresponsible Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. For two years that had been known by a select few in Washington; but it wasn't until Republican leaders in Congress decided to use their inside knowledge in a partisan political move that it became public. That these Republicans were not being patriotic in their action is obvious, since they had known about the aviators' deaths for two years themselves having

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AN EDITORIAL

WHO IS GUILTY?

THE PEOPLE have a right to know who, during the Eisenhower and Kennedy Administrations, was responsible for planning, training and direction the Bay of Pigs invasion almost two years ago, who recruited the mercenaries, who paid the huge sums involved in the operations, and where the money came from.

The people have a right to know who concocted the terrifying plan to bomb the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo, Cuba, and blame it on the Cuban government, so that U.S. military might could be hurled into the invasion.

From the fragmentary evidence already revealed, it is obvious that the Bay of Pigs invasion was intended by the Central Intelligence Agency, and the atomaniacs in the Pentagon and elsewhere in the government, along with their friends of the ultra-Right, the Republican leadership, the Dixiecrats, not only to smash Cuba, but to provoke a military confrontation with the Soviet Union, which could have touched off a world nuclear war.

These are dangerous men. They must be exposed, and isolated, so that they cannot do any more harm. Sadly enough, they are still actively pressing for a war against Cuba, for military confrontation with the Soviet Union.

They have the gall now to try to twist the defeat at the Bay of Pigs into a defense of the CIA and a new propaganda drive for an invasion. Involved are elements within President Kennedy's administration itself. And the ammunition for the attack, directed in the first place against Kennedy, is undoubtedly being supplied by the CIA, headed by John McCone, an industrialist, who backed Richard M. Nixon in the 1960 Presidential elections, and is notorious as a warmonger.

And this McCone was appointed by President Kennedy himself to replace Allen W. Dulles, discredited because of the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

These dangerous elements do not agree with Kennedy when he declares that "we do not believe that war in the Caribbean is to the national advantage." As a matter of fact, they are determined to express their view and the will of the American people.

It should be obvious to the President as it is to the majority of Americans that appeasing these ultra-Right atomaniacs will not halt their dangerous course. There is no compromise possible with them. And they are aided by the perilous foreign policy developed under Truman, and continued by the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations.

The American people made it clear only three weeks ago that they did not want an invasion of Cuba, despite all the pressings and all the propaganda in the press and on radio and TV. In a nationwide Gallup poll, only 20 percent of those questioned wanted an invasion pledge given during the October Caribbean crisis, and two thirds had strong opinions against invasion.

This reaction by the people has forced the warmongers to pull in their horns. Sen. Kenneth Keating (R-N. Y.), the most rabid of the warmongers, undoubtedly having read the report of the Gallup poll, suddenly retreated from his previous position and admitted that a war with Cuba would be dangerous.

President Kennedy should take a lesson from this. The only way to halt the ultra-Right is to resist them. They are frightened only by the pressure of the people.

The American people want peace with Cuba. And if the President comes out forthrightly with a position for peace with Cuba, the American people will back him to the hilt.

Write to President Kennedy urging him to reiterate his non-invasion of Cuba, that he restore full diplomatic and trade relations with the sovereign republic of Cuba.

Also write to congressmen and senators in Washington, demanding a full investigation to reveal those responsible for the planning and direction of the Bay of Pigs invasion and their punishment as enemies of the national interest.

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